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Subject: Approval of Revised RAO Memorandum for the Soda Springs
Elemental Phosphorus Plant, dated June 2, 1995

Dear Mr. Geddes:

The revised RAO memorandum for the Soda Springs Elemental Phosphorus Plant dated June 2, 1995, is approved as submitted. Monsanto should proceed with the Feasibility Study, using these preliminary RAOs, in accordance with the March 19, 1991, Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) between EPA and Monsanto. The AOC calls for Monsanto to submit the next FS deliverable, the Development and Screening of Alternatives (DSA) memorandum, within twenty (20) days of submission of the RAO memorandum. Accordingly, the DSA memorandum is due to EPA on or before June 22, 1995.

EPA was confused by the cover letter included with the revised RAO memorandum. EPA provided comments on the previous draft versions of the RAO memorandum and described the changes needed to make them meet RAO requirements in letters dated March 22 and May 15, 1995, and in our meeting May 11, 1995. Those concerns have been addressed and these matters are now closed with Monsanto's submission and EPA's approval of the June 2, 1995, RAO memorandum.

If you have any questions about this letter, please call me at (206) 553-2100. At that time, or when we meet in Soda Springs on June 19-20, we should discuss the plans for the rest of the FS.

Sincerely,


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